

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the indicated paragraphs of the specification in accordance with the amendments indicated below.

Page 1: 10<sup>th</sup> full paragraph, amend as indicated below:

The present invention according to the first aspect provides a method for forming a pattern on the surface of a molded article obtained by pressure-molding a powdery inorganic binder material, which comprises a series of processes composed of flattening the surface of the powdery inorganic binder material by providing vibration to the powdery inorganic binder material, disposing a colored material consisting of the same material as the inorganic binder material and colored by a color different from a color of the inorganic binder material on the surface of the inorganic binder material and then pressure-molding the inorganic binder material together with the colored material to thereby form a pattern on the surface of the molded article.

Page 2: 1<sup>st</sup> full paragraph, amend as indicated below:

The present invention according to the second aspect provides a method of forming a pattern on the surface of a molded article obtained by pressure-molding a powdery inorganic binder material, which comprises a series of

processes composed of disposing the powdery inorganic binder material into a bottom mold of a pressure-molding apparatus, flattening the surface of the inorganic binder material by applying vibration to the inorganic binder material with a vibrator, then disposing a colored material consisting of the same material as the inorganic binder material and colored by a color different from a color of the inorganic binder material on the surface of the inorganic binder material and then pressure-molding the inorganic binder material together with the colored material to thereby form a pattern on the surface of the molded article.

Page 2: 4<sup>th</sup> full paragraph, amend as indicated below:

The present invention according to the fifth aspect provides a method of forming a pattern on the surface of the molded article obtained by press-molding a powdery inorganic binder material, which comprises a series of processes composed of disposing a colored material consisting of the same material as the inorganic binder material and colored by a color different from a color of the inorganic binder material on the back surface of the base substrate, disposing a powdery inorganic binder material on the back surface of the base substrate and further pressure-molding the powdery inorganic binder material together with the base substrate, followed by separating the molded article from the base substrate to thereby form a pattern on the surface of the molded article.